

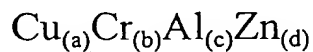
IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 4, six lines from the bottom of the page change "precipitating agent" to read --source of chromium--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 2 and 6 to read as follows:

1. (amended) [An improved] A copper chromite catalyst having the molar composition



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c = 10 - 30 mole %
d = 5 - 40 mole %

and $a + b + c + d = 100$

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Table I: XRD analysis of the copper chromite catalyst

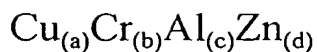
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35.8	92
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56.6	44

2. (amended). A process for the preparation of [an improved] a copper chromite catalyst having the molar composition

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which comprises preparing an aqueous [solutions] solution of a source of copper, a source of aluminium and a source of zinc, adding to this [mixture] solution a solution [of] containing a source of chromium, under stirring conditions to obtain [the] a precipitate, separating the precipitate [by conventional methods], drying the precipitate at a temperature ranging between 80 to 110° C, calcining the dried material in static air at a temperature ranging between 200 to 500° C for a period ranging between 2 to 5 hrs., to obtain the [product] catalyst.